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Art Unit:

For: ZOOM LENS AND IMAGING PICKUP
APPARATUS

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Dear Sir:

Further to the two IDS documents submitted in this nationalization application of a corresponding PCT application, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that this additional information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue there from. This submission is timely in that it is made prior to a first action on the merits of this application.

The cited documents include: (1) a Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, dated July 5, 2007 (Form PCT/1B/338); (2) International Preliminary Report on Patentability, bearing a date of issuance of 26 June 2007 (Form PCT/1B/373); and (3) Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (Form PCT/ISA/237) discussing documents previously made of record.

Please take these additional documents into consideration in the initial examination of this application, along with the information previously submitted, and make that consideration of record.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 80001-3469. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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